



Brownfields 2008 Grant Fact Sheet

California Department of Toxic Substances Control, Jackson and Sutter Creek, CA

EPA Brownfields Program

EPA's Brownfields Program empowers states, communities, and other stakeholders to work together to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields. A brownfield site is real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant. On January 11, 2002, President George W. Bush signed into law the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act. Under this law, EPA provides financial assistance to eligible applicants through four competitive grant programs: assessment grants, revolving loan fund grants, cleanup grants, and job training grants. Additionally, funding support is provided to state and tribal response programs through a separate mechanism.

Community Description

The California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) was selected to receive a brownfields assessment grant. The DTSC is targeting mine-waste sites in the Cities of Jackson and Sutter Creek (combined population 7,000). These neighboring small rural communities are located in the Sierra Nevada foothills in the heart of California's historic Mother Lode gold mining region. For years, the area's economy was based on the hard-rock gold mining industry. By the 1950s, all of the mines had closed,



Assessment Grant



\$200,000 for hazardous substances

EPA has selected the California Department of Toxic Substances Control for a brownfields assessment grant. Hazardous substances grant funds will be used to inventory brownfield sites, incorporate survey information into a geographic information system, and conduct five Phase I and two Phase II environmental site assessments in the Cities of Jackson and Sutter Creek.

Contacts

For further information, including specific grant contacts, additional grant information, brownfields news and events, and publications and links, visit the EPA Brownfields web site at: www.epa.gov/brownfields.

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leaving behind unused mine-scarred lands and a stagnant economy. In recent years, the area has experienced an influx of people from urban centers. Despite this growth, area unemployment rates are higher and median income levels are lower than state averages. Brownfield sites in Jackson and Sutter Creek consist primarily of former mine properties that pose health threats to community residents and limit available land resources for development. Brownfields assessments will help the DTSC determine site impacts and cleanup strategies, and are expected to facilitate redevelopment in Jackson and Sutter Creek.